GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SAFETY AUDITS OF OIL INSTALLATIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have ordered `safety audits` at all oil installations in earth-quake prone areas;

(b) if so, the earth-quake prone areas thus affected;

(c) whether there is no safety audit at present in such areas;

(d) whether safety and preparedness are totally absent at all our oil installations;

(e) whether the Government have any impact from the fire in the Godavari basin a few years ago at oil wells; and

(f) if so, the details of measures taken after that large fire?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): The safety and preparedness plans are formulated at all oil installations in line with the Oil Industry Safety Directorate(OISD) standards and other applicable statutory regulations, and necessary facilities are provided. The safety audit of PSU oil installations all over the country, including those located in earth quake prone areas, are carried out regularly by the OISD in line with the approved procedure. Only minor damage has been reported by some of the public sector companies at few of their installations in Gujarat.

(e)&(f): Investigation of the incident of blow out in well Mandapetta - West in 1997 was carried out and based on the findings/recommendations of the investigation, a number of actions have been taken by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC).